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SUBJECT: CAGLAYANGIL AND DENKTASH COMMENT ON THE CYPRUS SITUATION

1. TURKISH-CYPRIOT LEADER, RAUF DENKTASH, IS IN ANKARA BRIEFING GOT ON THE RESULTS OF THE 5TH ROUND OF INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS IN VIENNA. FEBRUARY 23 HE VISITED TURKISH GENERAL STAFF CHIE, GENERAL SANCAR, AND BRIEFED FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS. FEBRUARY 24 HE IS SCHEDULED TO SEE PRESIDENT KORUTURK, PRIME MINISTER DEMIREL AND THE VARIOUS DEPUTY PRIME MINISTERS.

2. DENKTASH WAS UNCHARACTERISTICALLY CLOSE-MOUTHED WITH THE PRESS FEBRUARY 23. AFTER CALLING ON SANCAR, HE MERELY UNCLASSIFIED

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TOLD THE PRESS THAT IT WAS A COURTESY CALL. HE SAID HE

HAD INVITED SANCAR TO VISIT CYPRUS AND HE HOPED HE WOULD.

3. CONSERVATIVE TERCUMAN QUOTES DENKTASH AS SAYING THAT AGREEMENT ON CYPRUS WAS IN THE HANDS OF CLERIDES. DENKTASH SAID THAT IN VIOLATION OF THE BRUSSELS AGREEMENT THE GREEK-CYPRIOTS HAD NOT PRESENTED A WRITTEN PROPOSAL ON ANY SUBJECT DURING THE VIENNA TALKS.

4. ON THE SUBJECT OF THE "TURKISH FEDERATED STATE OF CYPRUS" PASSPORT WHICH HE IS NOW CARRYING, DENKTASH DEFENDED THE USE OF HIS PASSPORT ON THE BASIS OF THE UNIQUE SITUATION IN CYPRUS. HE SAID THAT TURKISH-CYPRIOTS HAD FOR YEARS SUFFERED RESTRICTIONS ON THEIR TRAVEL BECAUSE OF THE NEED TO ACQUIRE PASSPORTS FROM THE GREEK-CYPRIOTS. HE SAID THAT IN FACT SINCE THE TURKISH INTERVENTION IN JULY, 1974, IT HAD BEEN IMPOSSIBLE FOR A TURKISH-CYPRIOT TO ACQUIRE A NEW PASSPORT. DENKTASH SAID THERE WAS NOTHING UNUSUAL ABOUT THE ISSUANCE OF A PASSPORT BY THE TFSC -- IT WAS SIMPLY ONE OF THE REALITIES OF CYPRUS AND GREEK REACTION TO THIS WAS ARTIFICIAL.

5. FONMIN CAGLAYANGIL DURING BUDGET DEBATES FEBRUARY 22 DEFENDED THE GOVERNMENT'S CYPRUS POLICY AFTER REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY (RPP) SPOKESMAN HASAN ESAT ISIK SAID THE GOVERNMENT DID NOT HAVE A POLICY. CAGLAYANGIL RESPONDED THAT NO TURKISH GOVERNMENT COULD HAVE A CYPRUS POLICY OR SOLVE THE CYPRUS PROBLEM BY ITSELF. HE SAID THAT THE CYPRUS ISSUE FOR TURKEY WAS A NATIONAL PROBLEM AND HE BELIEVED IT WAS TIME FOR POLITICAL PARTIES TO STOP USING CYPRUS AS A SUBJECT TO DIVIDE THE COUNTRY.

6. IN RESPONSE TO CRITICISM OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT POLICY BEING PURSUED BY THE GOT IN NORTHERN CYPRUS, CAGLAYANGIL NOTED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT HAD INHERITED A SITUATION IN WHICH THE ECONOMIC LIFE OF NORTHERN CYPRUS HAD COME TO A STANDSTILL. HE SAID THAT WITHIN THE PAST YEAR MOST OF THE INDUSTRIAL AND AGRICULTURAL INSTALLATIONS HAD BEGUN TO OPERATE AGAIN.

7. CAGLAYANGIL ALSO SAID THAT TURKEY HARBORED NO ILL WILL
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TOWARD GREECE AND BELIEVED THAT A SOLUTION TO THE CYPRUS PROBLEM WAS NECESSARY FOR IMPROVED TURKISH-GREEK RELATIONS. HE THEN WENT ON TO REAFFIRM THAT THERE WERE THREE BASIC PRINCIPLES WHICH THE GOT BELIEVED WERE ESSENTIAL FOR A PERMANENT SOLUTION:

(A) A BIZONAL FEDERATION

(B) A CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OF LIMITED AUTHORITY; AND

(C) THE EQUAL PARTICIPATION OF THE TWO NATIONAL COMMUNITIES IN THE ORGANS OF THE FEDERAL STATE.

CAGLAYANGIL ALSO REPEATED HIS CLAIM THAT AT BRUSSELS HE HAD AGREED WITH GREEK FOREIGN MINISTER BITSIOS THAT THE FIRST PROPOSAL ON TERRITORIAL ADJUSTMENTS SHOULD COME FROM THE GREEK SIDE. HE SAID THAT THIS AGREEMENT HAD BEEN COMMUNICATED TO WALDHEIM DESPITE THIS, HOWEVER, HE SAID THAT DURING THE VIENNA TALKS, THE GREEK-CYPRIOTS HAD ONLY PRODUCED A MAP SHOWING PROPOSED AREAS OF RESETTLEMENT FOR GREEK REFUGEES. CAGLAYANGIL SAID THAT WHEN ASKED WHETHER THIS COULD BE CONSIDERED TO REPRESENT A TERRITORIAL PROPOSAL, CLERIDES DID NOT GIVE A POSITIVE ANSWER.

8. NEVERTHELESS, CAGLAYANGIL SAID THAT THE VIENNA TALKS HAD ENDED ON A POSITIVE NOTE AND THE GREEK-CYPRIOTS HAD AGREED TO PRESENT TO THE TURKISH-CYPRIOTS WITHIN THE NEXT SIX WEEKS A TERRITORIAL PROPOSAL. HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT AFTER PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS AT THE 6TH ROUND OF TALKS SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE IN VIENNA IN MAY, COMMITTEES WOULD BE ESTABLISHED TO DEAL WITH THE TERRITORIAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES.
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